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HB 575

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Representative Jeff Essmann, Chairman
House State Administration Committee
Montana House of Representatives
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

February 23, 2015

Mr. Chairman and members of the House State Administration Committee,

The Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP) wishes to register opposition to HB 575, by Representatives Burnett and Ballance. This act, as is the case with HB381 by the same sponsors, does little but waste valuable public resources through expenditure of time and talent on additional government reports.

Governor Bullock has taken great steps to increase the financial transparency of the State of Montana, including, in one of the first official acts as Governor, putting the state checkbook online (www.transparency.mt.gov) followed by the state's critical financial information (www.invest.mt.gov).

I apologize for not attending in person, however, as many of you know (or are about to learn) there are many hearings in the week approaching Transmittal Break which demand attention, and resources must be allocated appropriately.

As always, please feel free to contact me at your convenience should any of you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Villa".

DAN VILLA
Budget Director

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